



SANTÉE FIRE DEPARTMENT

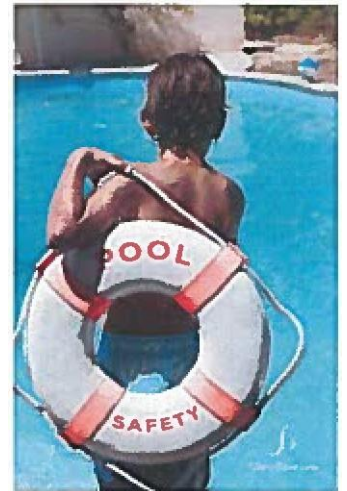
Public Education *and* Safety Message

April is Pool Awareness Month

Spring is right around the corner and with the beautiful sun starting to shine bright, the pools become more inviting and the pool season begins. Sadly, more than 200 people die annually due to drowning. Let's have a fun summer and be pool safe.

POOL SAFETY TIPS:

- Have a swim buddy. Never swim alone.
- Wear a rated life jacket if you don't know how to swim.
- Learn CPR. (Contact Santee FD for classes.)
- Install a pool fence (approximately 4 ft. high).
- Avoid alcoholic drinks.
- Have proper adult supervision.
- Know current weather conditions.
- Store pool chemicals in a secure location.
- Have a safe drain cover.



WHO DOES IT HAPPEN TO:

- Children ages 1-4 are at highest risk of drowning.
- 80% of drowning victims are male.
- 70% of adult victims involve alcohol.
- 75% of child drownings occurred when parents were out of SIGHT for less than 5 minutes.
- 58% of parents don't think drowning is a threat.

